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report on a cotton textile mill in Shchelkovo (N 55-55. E 38-00). A sketch of the plant layout and legend are included in the report.

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## COTTON TEXTILE MILL IN SHELKOV

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1. There were two cotton textile mills in Shchelkovo (N 55-55, E 38-00), one called the old mill and the other, the new mill. The latter,

[redacted] had no numerical designation. [redacted] the perimeter of the mill [redacted] was surrounded on three sides by a fence some three to four meters high. The plant buildings consisted of one large, probably fireproof, four-story, red brick building divided into three sections (refer to sketch) and a warehouse. From the Shchelkovo railroad station a branch railroad line and a non-surfaced highway led directly to the plant. Raw materials, such as cotton, felt, glue, coal and wood, were shipped in by rail and outgoing products were transported both by rail and truck. [redacted]

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2. The main building had large windows on the side facing the Shchelkovo railroad station; it was divided into three parts or sections described as follows:

Section One: This section had a basement where waste cotton was collected and later washed and used. On the first floor, which measured about 40 by 80 meters, was located the laundry where the raw cotton was washed in drums one meter in diameter before being transferred to the second floor for carding. Included among the employees on the first floor were Stakhenovites whose sole job was to speed up the washing process so that other shops in the plant would not lack work. The second floor contained carding and ironing machines; the latter smoothed the cotton fibers into uniform layers preparatory for winding. On the third floor the cotton was

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wound into fibers of thumb-thickness, then deposited in felt containers and transferred to the fourth floor, where the bobbins of cotton were stretched prior to being converted into yarn for weaving.

Section Two: This section was divided into two parts owing to the fact that the machine shop was located in the center of the floor. On the first floor the pre-washed cotton was carded and made into cord, whereafter it was sent to the second floor for stretching. On the third and fourth floors the cotton <sup>fibers</sup> ~~were~~ processed into yarn and/or plaited into string five or more centimeters in thickness to be used for making bags.

Section Three: Located on the first floor of this section were the dining room and looms on which the fabrics were finished. On the second floor were located offices and also looms on which cotton fabrics were finished. On the third floor the yarn not utilized for textiles was loaded onto carts for dispatch to the warehouse. String or cord was finished on the fourth floor.

3.

[redacted] except for a few Soviet-made machines, they were mostly of [redacted] make. All of them were rather old but were kept in good repair by plant mechanics. The finished products were packed for shipment in unmarked square wooden boxes of varying dimensions, depending on the quantity being shipped.

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#### Working Conditions

4. Personnel worked one eight-hour shift per day; only the Stakhanovites worked extra hours. Each worker was granted 20 days vacation per year.

[redacted] the plant had a director, a chief engineer, and assistant

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engineers who were in charge of the machine shop and the sections designated as one, two, and four. The assistant engineers, the administrative personnel and female office workers had offices in the plant, whereas the director and chief engineer maintained offices in the komsomol building in the city of Shchelkovo.

#### Security

5. No security measures were taken at the plant. However, workers had to have permission to go from one part of the mill to another -- probably to eliminate loss of time from work.

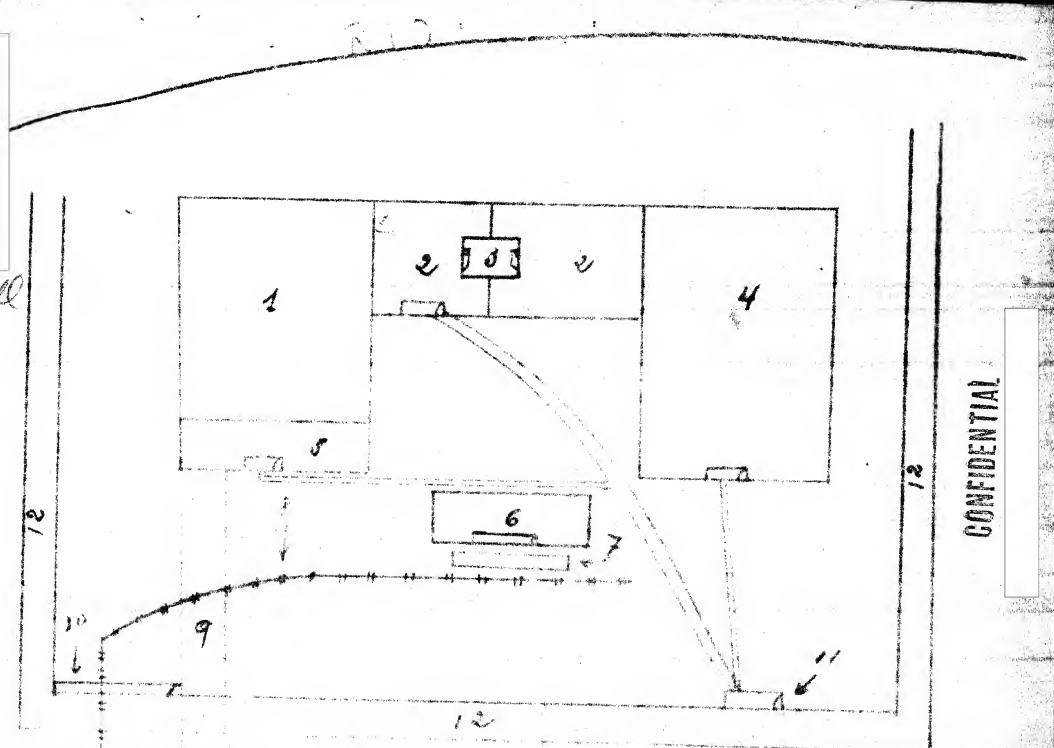
#### Legend for sketch showing lay-out of the cotton textile mill

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| (1) Section One   | } | all located in the main building |
| (2) Section Two   |   |                                  |
| (3) Section Three   |   |                                  |
| (4) Machine Shop  |   |                                  |
| (5) Laundry   |   |                                  |
| (6) Warehouse, located in front of the main building                        |   |                                  |
| (7) Loading and unloading platform, used for both rail and truck transport. |   |                                  |
| (8) Branch railroad line which entered the plant                            |   |                                  |
| (9) Highway connecting with the Shchelkovo railroad station                 |   |                                  |
| (10) Railroad entrance  |   |                                  |
| (11) Personnel entrance   |   |                                  |
| (12) Fence surrounding the plant  |   |                                  |

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